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SUBJECT: NIGER: GOVERNMENT ENTERS CYBERSPACE

¶1. The Government of Niger (GON) announced the launch of two websites on September 11, 2007, connecting government institutions and the Presidency to cyberspace for the first time. Both websites (French language) are still a work in progress, but reflect a step forward for the GON institutions.

¶2. The GON website lists a page for the President, Prime Minister, First Ladies, each Cabinet Ministry, other major institutions (such as the National Assembly), the constitution, former heads of state, among other things. Currently, the GON President's page is the only one that contains a biography. The other GON officials' respective pages show their name and photo (without biography) and, in some cases, lists the official's relevant ministry's mandate.

¶3. The websites follow.

For the GON: <http://www.communication-gouv-niger.ne>

For the GON Presidency: <http://www.presidence.ne>

¶4. The website lead page lists a few blog sites for institutions supportive of the GON's position with regard to the security situation in northern Niger.

MJR Mouvement des Jeunes Republicains:
<http://www.m-j-r.blogspot.com>

Niger Actus: <http://www.niger-actus.blogspot.com>

Actus Niger: <http://www.actus-niger.blogspot.com>

Democratie Niger: <http://www.democratie-niger.blogspot.com>
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